and the productivity of cotton in each state. The most credible and realistic estimate in respect of each State arrived at is accepted in the meeting. The figures of ginning and pressing factories collected by the Trade Associations are also taken into account.

White Paper on Cotton Export

2246. SHRI GOVINDRAO RAMARAO ADIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a surplus of cotton bales for the current year;

(b) if so; the reason for banning the export of cotton;

(c) whether it is a fact that the ban is imposed due to the pressure of the mill owners;

(d) the manner in which the dissatisfaction among the cotton growers of Maharashtra will be ameliorated; and

(e) whether Government propose to bring out a white paper on cotton exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) During the current year the production of cotton is expected to be 125 lakh bales, while the consumption will also be of the same order. The Government have suspended the export of cotton as a temporary measure in view of the sharp increase in the prices of cotton, leading to extreme hardship to the handloom an powerloom sector. Government's endeavour is to strike a careful balance between the interests of the cotton growers on the one hand and that of the textiles; decentralised handloom and powerloom sector on the other.

(e) No, Sir.

12.00 NOON

I. Reported and Accounts of the National Housing Bank, New Drlhi and related papers.

II. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Revenue) and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Housing Bank, New Delhi, for the year ended the 30th June, 1993, 1993 together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts, under sub-section (5) of Section 40 of the National Housing Bank, Act, 1987. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-5476|94.

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:—

(1) GSR No. 27(E) dated the 18th January, 1994, regarding imposing an anti-dumpinng duty on the specified grades of Polyvinyl Chloride Resin imported from Brazil, Mexico, Republic of Korea and U.S.A.

(2) GSR No. 28(E) dated the 18th January, 1994, seeking to exempt goods imported by 100% Export Oriented Units or Units working in the Export Processing Zone from the levy of anti-dumping duty, when such goods are exempted from the basic customs duty.

(3) GSR No. 42(E) dated the 28th January, 1994 publishing the Customs House Agents Licensing (Amendment) Regulations, 1994. Placed in Library. *See* LT-5466|84.